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SUBJ:SOVIET PRESS PUBLISHES COMMUNIQUE ON ARGENTINE ECONOMIC
DELEGATION VISIT TO MOSCOW

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 3399 NOTAL; (B) BUENOS AIRES 3130 NOTAL;
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1. SUMMARY. LONG AND UNUSUALLY DETAILED JOINT SOVIET-ARGENTINE
COMMUNIQUE REPORTS IMPRESSIVE RESULTS OF RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW OF
ARGENTINE ECONOMIC DELEGATION LED BY ECONOMIC MINISTER GELBARD.
MAIN POINTS INCLUDE (A) PERON ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET INVITATION TO
VISIT MOSCOW; (B) AGREEMENT THAT SOVIET-ARGENTINE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE
REACHED "NEW STATE" CALLING FOR LONG-TERM ECONOMIC COOPERATION,
(C) INVESTIGATION BY SOVIET-ARGENTINE MIXED ECONOMIC COMMISSION OF
POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LONG-TERM SOVIET COOPERATION IN SEVERAL
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SECTORS ARGENTINE INDUSTRY-HYDRO AND THERMAL ELECTRIC POWER,

COAL, GAS, OIL, METALLURGY, CHEMICALS, SHIPBUILDING, PORT CONSTRUCTION; (D) COOPERATION TO BE ARRANGED THROUGH SHIPMENT OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES OF SOVIET EXPERTS, ALSO SOVIET TRAINING OF ARGENTINE PERSONNEL; (E) COOPERATION IN OCEAN FISHING INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF FISHING PORTS IN ARGENTINA; (F) SOVIET CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF COOPERATION; (G) SOVIET DELIVERIES TO ARGENTINA OF ELECTRIC POWER AND TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT, ALSO OIL EXTRACTION AND COAL MINING EQUIPMENT; (H) EARLY ESTABLISHMENT ARGENTINE TIES WITH CEMA; (I) INCREASED SOVIET PURCHASES OF ARGENTINE PRODUCTS; (J) COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR MARITIME AND AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. UNUSUALLY LONG AND DETAILED 39-PARAGRAPH COMMUNIQUE ON RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW OF ARGENTINE DELEGATION LED BY MINISTER OF ECONOMY GELBARD IS PUBLISHED IN PRAVDA MAY 11. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS.

3. PREAMBLE SETS FORTH MAJOR PREMISES FOR COOPERATION:

(A) GELBARD LED DELEGATION REPRESENTING PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, PARLIAMENT, ARMED FORCES, FEDERATION OF LABOR, COMMON ECONOMIC CONFEDERATION, AND ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ARGENTINE PRESS, RADIO, TELEVISION PLUS LARGE GROUP OF NATION'S BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES.

(B) PRESIDENT PERON HAS ACCEPTED WITH GREAT PLEASURE INVITATION OF PRESIDUM OF SUPREME SOVIET AND SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO VISIT THE USSR, AND WILL BE "CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY USSR AS LEADER OF A FRIENDLY STATE."

(C) CONVERSATIONS TOOK PLACE IN "WARM, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE."

(D) BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT AS RESULT FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES HAVE REACHED "NEW STAGE" AND THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT BILATERAL RELATIONS IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AREAS WILL SERVE INTERESTS BOTH COUNTRIES.

(E) BOTH SIDES EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE JOINT EFFORTS FOR "COMMON MEASURES" IN AREA OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. NEW FORMS WILL BE CONSIDERED, INCLUDING STUDY OF PROGRAM FOR LONG-TERM COOPERATION ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

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4. MEETING AT SOVIET MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE MAY 6 BETWEEN DELEGATION AND FIRST DEPUTY FON TRADE MIN SEMICHASTNOV AND CHIEF OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS S. A. SKACHKOV RESULTED IN AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWING:

(A) SOVIET-ARGENTINE AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN BUENOS AIRES FEBRUARY 1974 (REF C AND PREVIOUS) FORM BASIS FOR DEVELOPMENT LONG-TERM

COOPERATION.

(B) MIXED COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC, TRADE, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WILL INVESTGATE POSSIBILITIES FOR LONG-TERM ACTIVITY IN SUCH BRANCHES OF ARGENTINE INDUSTRY AS ENERGY (HYDROELECTRIC POWER, THERMALECTRIC POWER, GAS, COAL, OIL AND ATOMIC ENERGY), FERROUS METALLURGY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF METALLURGICAL PLANTS, CHEMICAL INDUSTRY,SHIPBUILDING, PORT CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER INDUSTRIES.

(C) COOPERATION WILL BE EFFECTED THROUGH PROJECT WORK BY SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS, DELIVERIES OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FROM USSR, ASSIGNMENT OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS IN ARGENTINA AND TRAINING OF ARGENTINE PERSONNEL.

(D) IN SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME CONVERSATIONS WILL BEGIN ON COOPERATION IN OCEAN FISHING, INCLUDING CREATION OF MIXED FISHING COMPANIES, CONSTRUCTION OF FISHING PORTS IN ARGENTINA AND TRAINING OF ARGENTINE SPECIALISTS IN THIS FIELD.

(E) ARGENTINE SIDE NOTED THAT FINANCIAL QUESTIONS MUST ALSO BE CONSIDERED FOR COOPERATION TO BE EFFECTIVE.

(F) SOVIET SIDE PREPARED REVIEW PROPOSALS MADE BY ARGENTINE DELEGATION AND TO EXCHANGE DELEGATIONS OF SPECIALISTS TO REVIEW ISSUES NOTED ABOVE.

(G) SOVIET DELIVERIES OF OIL EXTRACTION EQUIPMENT WILL CONTINUE AND CONTRACT WILL BE SIGNED FOR DELIVERY SOVIET TURBINES AND GENERATORS FOR SALTO GRANDE PROJECT. AGREEMENT ALSO REACHED ON ARGENTINE PURCHASE OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT OFR THERMOELECTRIC POWER STATION AT SAN NICOLAS, TRANSFORMER SUBSTATIONS, ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES TO BUENOS AIRES, DEEP OIL DRILLING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EQUIPMENT (TO DEPTH 5000METERS), INSTALLATIONS FOR OIL DRILLING, COAL MINING EQUIPMENT AND OTHER TYPES EQUIPMENT.

(H) FURTHER TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS NECESSARY REGARDING THESE PURCHASES AND ARGENTINE EXPERTS WILL VISIT USSR IN NEAR FUTURE TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH SOVIET OIL AND COAL MINING EQUIPMENT. ALSO, SOVIET EXPERTS WILL VISIT ARGENTINA TO EXTEND AID AND STUDY POSSIBILITIES FOR HYDROELECTREC POWER ON PARANA RIVER AND TO WORK WITH ARGENTINE EXPERTS ON USE OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT IN ELECTRIC POWER STATION CONSTRUCTION.

5. DURING MEETING AT FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY ARGENTINE INEREST IN COOPERATION WITH CEMA ALSO NOTED:

(A) ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING CONTACTS

WITH COUNCIL OF MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (CEMA) " WITH AIM OF ESTABLISHING DIRECT TIES WITH THAT ORGANIZATION AND CARRYING OUT COMMON ACTIVITIES WITH ITS MEMBER COUNTRIES."

(B) SOVIET SIDE EXPRESSED SUPPORT AND ARGENTINE SIDE AGREED UNDERTAKE NECESSARY STEPS IN VERY NEAR FUTURE.

6. DIRECT TRADE, MARINE AND AIR TRANSPORT.

(A) ARGENTINE SIDE PRESENTED LIST OF GOODS IT WISHES TO PURCHASE FROM USSR. SOVIETS AGREED TO REVIEW.

(B) ARGENTINE DELEGATION EMPHASIZED NECESSITY FOR INCREASED SOVIET PURCHASES ARGENTINE GOODS "AS PROVIDED IN 13 FEB. 1974 BILATERAL AGREEMENT." SOVIETS AGREED CARRY OUT TERMS OF THAT ACCORD, AND ARGENTINES AGAIN CONFIRMED WISH TO CONTINUE AND BROADEN EXPORT OF TRADITIONAL PRODUCTS TO USSR. SOVIETS CLAIMED INTENT TO INCREASE PURCHASE OF ARGENTINE PRODUCTS. IN NEAR FUTURE (THIS YEAR IF POSSIBLE) USSR WILL BUY ARGENTINE MEAT, FRUIT JUICES AND WINE, "PROVIDED PRICES ARE COMPETITIVE."

(C) BOTH SIDES WILL REVIEW CONTRACTS ALREADY MADE BY ARGENTINE BUSINESS CIRCLES FOR PURCHASE OF SOVIET MACHINERY UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MADE IN FEBRUARY.

(D) SUCCESSFUL SOVIET-ARGENTINE CONVERSATIONS ON OCEAN TRANSPORT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH TOOK PLACE RECENTLY IN GENEVA WILL BE CONTINUED IN MOSCOW IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR, WITH FULL AGREEMENT, IF POSSIBLE, IN AUGUST.

(D) ARGENTINE SIDE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CONCLUSION OF AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT WITH USSR AND PROPOSED SIGNATURE OF GENERAL COMPANY AGENCY AGREEMENT AS FIRST STEP, AND ALSO AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN AEROFLOT AND AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS THROUGH POINTS IN EUROPE. TALKS ON AIR AGREEMENT WILL CONTINUE.
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